

**ENTERED**

February 27, 2023

Nathan Ochsner, Clerk

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS  
HOUSTON DIVISION**

**ROBERT OBRIEN,**

**Plaintiff,**

**VS.**

**THE METHODIST HOSPITAL,**

**Defendant.**

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**CIVIL ACTION NO. 4:20-CV-04084**

**ORDER ADOPTING REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION**

Before the Court is the Motion for Summary Judgment filed by Defendant Methodist Hospital (ECF No. 45). On December 23, 2022, United States Magistrate Judge Dena Hanovice Palermo issued a Report and Recommendation (“R&R”) in this case, recommending that the motion be granted (ECF No. 64). Plaintiff Robert O’Brien filed Objections (ECF No. 65), and Methodist responded (ECF No. 70).

As required by 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(C), the Court has conducted a de novo review of the portions of the R&R to which the O’Brien objected. However, the Court agrees with the conclusions, and the reasoning, of the R&R. Accordingly, the Court hereby **ADOPTS** the R&R and **GRANTS** Methodist’s Motion for Summary Judgment.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

Signed at Houston, Texas on February 24, 2023.



Keith P. Ellison  
United States District Judge